

# Troopers Investigating Fatal Accident- Claymont

**Claymont**– The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a crash that occurred on April 22, 2020, at approximately 5:58 p.m. on northbound I-95 south of Naamans Road, Claymont.

A 2004 Ford F-150 pickup operated by a 41-year-old New Castle man was traveling in the construction zone northbound on I-95 south of Naamans Road, Claymont. A Caterpillar Excavator operated by a 64-year-old Hagerstown, Maryland man was working within the construction site in the area, off the left shoulder, and within the grassy center median. For unknown reasons, the Ford Pickup drifted out of the lane of travel and into the median. The front of the Ford Pickup struck the rear of the stationary Excavator. The impact caused the Ford Pickup to spin in a counterclockwise direction before coming to rest facing southwest across both northbound lanes of I-95. As a result of the collision, the operator of the Ford Pickup was trapped in the vehicle for approximately 30 minutes and had to be extracted by the fire department. Once freed, the operator was transported to Christiana Hospital for life-threatening injuries. Several hours later, he died from his injuries. The operator of the Excavator was transported to the hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

During the on-scene investigation, northbound I-95 in the vicinity of Naamans Road was closed.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services

Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at [debra.reed@state.de.us](mailto:debra.reed@state.de.us).

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